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Via Electronic Filing  
Ms. Marlene H. Dortch  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW, Room TWB-204  
Washington, DC 20554

Re: In the Matter of Review of Section 251 Unbundling Obligations of Incumbent  
Local Exchange Carriers and Implementation of the Local Competition Provisions in the  
Local Telecommunications Act of 1996; CC Docket Nos. 01-338, 96-98, 98-147

In the Matter of Appropriate Framework for Broadband Access to the Internet  
Over Wireline Facilities, CC Docket Nos. 02-33, 95-20, 98-10

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Yesterday, during a brief conversation, I discussed with Commissioner Kevin J. Martin matters related to the referenced proceedings. In particular, for the reasons set forth in AT&T's written submissions, I disagreed with the notion that freeing the Bell companies of their unbundling obligations would give them added incentive to make new investments to create additional bandwidth capacity in their networks. I also noted that such views could not justify deregulation for bandwidth that is readily achievable in the existing network. My comments were consistent with AT&T's written submissions in the referenced proceedings.

One electronic copy of this Notice is being submitted for the referenced proceedings in accordance with the Commission's rules.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James W. Cicconi".

cc: Hon. K. Martin